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**CONTI MEDICAL CONCEPTS, INC. AND COMPANY'S PRESIDENT PLEAD  
GUILTY TO FALSE STATEMENTS INVOLVING HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS**

*– Anthony J. Conti, President, Admits He and Company Altered Documents  
– Company to pay \$100,000*

LOUISVILLE, KY - Anthony J. Conti, age 49, of Louisville, Kentucky, and Conti Medical Concepts, Inc., through its President, Anthony J. Conti, pled guilty to making false statements to health care benefit programs, including Medicare, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

Anthony J. Conti, former President of Conti Medical Concepts, Inc., a durable medical equipment company in Louisville, Kentucky, entered a plea of guilty on behalf of the corporation to knowingly and willfully using a materially false document and submitting it to a health care benefit program in support of a claim for payment. Specifically, Conti admitted the company had fabricated a Certificate of Medical Necessity to support payment for a back brace in February 2004. The corporation agreed to forfeit approximately \$100,000 as part of its Plea Agreement with the United States.

In addition, the Defendant, Anthony J. Conti, entered a plea of guilty to a misdemeanor charge of knowingly and willfully making or causing to be made a false statement which was used to support a claim for payment on a back brace provided by Conti Medical Concepts to a Medicare patient on or about August 12, 2003. Conti admitted that an employee of his company, based on policy and procedure established by the defendant, Anthony J. Conti, had altered a

doctor's prescription for a back brace, and that the altered prescription had been submitted to Medicare in support of the company's claim for payment.

The guilty pleas were entered at the conclusion of the third day of a trial which began in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky on Monday, July 16, 2007. The maximum potential penalty for the corporation is a \$250,000 fine. The maximum penalty for defendant Anthony J. Conti is up to one year imprisonment, a \$100,000 fine, and supervised release for up to one year. The defendants are scheduled for sentencing on October 15, 2007, at 12:00 p.m. EST before U.S. District Court Judge Thomas B. Russell.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Marisa J. Ford and Lettricea Jefferson-Webb, and it was investigated by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General; the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit; and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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